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FM AMEMBASSY PORT AU PRINCE
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 7922
AMEMBASSY CARACAS

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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: HAITIANS PLAN TO REQUEST AID FROM VENEZUELAN ON PETROLEUM
COSTS

1. GOH CONCERN OVER HIGH COST OF PETROLEUM PRODUCTS AND ITS BALANCE-
OF-PAYMENTS POSITION HAS HEIGHTENED IN RECENT WEEKS WITH ADVENT OF
ANNUAL IMF MISSION. ACCORDINGLY, GOH IS CONSIDERING MAKING A NEW
APPROACH TO VENEZUELAN ON SUBJECT OF AID.

2. GOH MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY HAS BEEN DISCUSSING
PETROLEUM PROBLEMS WITH VENEZUELAN OFF AND ON SINCE DECEMBER 1973.
HE MOST RECENTLY RECEIVED A LETTER FROM LEONARDO MOLEIRO, DIRECTOR,
INTERNATIONAL NEGOTIATIONS, CORPORACION VENEZOLANA DEL PETROLEO,
WHO OFFERED THE ASSISTANCE OF THE CVP "IN PLANNING HAITI'S DEMAND
FOR OIL PRODUCTS IN THE COMING YEAR." ENCOURAGED BY THIS RESPONSE,
GOH NOW PLANNING TO ASK THE VENEZUELAN IF THEY WOULD ESTABLISH A PRO

GRAM SIMILAR TO U.S. PL-480 TITLE 1, I.E., HAITI WOULD BY ALL ITS PET

ROLEUM FROM VENEZUELA, MAKING PAYMENT IN GOURDES TO A SPECIAL ACCOUNT IN
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THE NATIONAL BANK. THE SUMS DEPOSITED WOULD THEN BE AVAILABLE TO BOTH COUNTRIES FOR DEVELOPMENT AND AID PROGRAMS WITHIN HAITI, WITH EVENTUAL REPAYMENT TO VENEZUELA TAKING PLACE IN 30 YEARS.

3. NO APPROACH HAS BEEN MADE TO VENEZUELANS AS YET AND EMBASSY WOULD NOT WANT WORD OF THE PLAN TO REACH THE VENEZUELANS IN ADVANCE OF THE HAITIAN APPROACH. HOWEVER, VIEWS OF AMEMBASSY CARACAS AS TO VENEZUELAN ATTITUDE TOWARD SUCH A REQUEST WOULD BE USEFUL.
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